

SOCIETY

Clinton Scollard writes in regard to the maid of May:

"I know her lips are
As sweet-briar lips are;
Her laughter's lips are
Like thrushes' trills,
That break in gushes
Athwart the bushes,
When twilight blushes
Behind the hills."

The May maiden in Richmond has begun to array herself in white. Portico living has once more come into style, though a trifle belated this year, and that is the reason why the passer up and down the streets may now, when "twilight blushes behind the hills," hear the laughter like "thrushes' trills," that issues from rosy lips and join if he lists, the circle which the May maiden has drawn together in her out-of-door sitting-room.

It is a distinctively Southern habit this fashion of going outside to meet the soft May breezes and exchange confidences with friends and sweethearts. The May maiden to the north of Mason and Dixon's line golfs, rides and drives, but alas her diaphanous robes within her drawing-room. The Virginia girl rejoices beyond expression that the time for real sociability has at last set in. She sits on the top step leading into her May parlor with Harry, John and Richard in varying gradations at her feet, tosses back and forth the gay ball of badinage, and keeps them all in the best possible humor with themselves, with her and with the world at large.

For she is a kindly philosopher, this May maid in the white gown, with a red rose caught in the soft folds of her dark hair, and a cluster in the belt encircling her slender waist. She is too sweet-tempered and light-hearted to find fault with anybody or anything, and believes her most serious mission in life is to be kind and to look charming. And that is the reason why all men continue to adore her.

"The Husbands' Comedy."

It is a far cry from such an idyl as the love-story recently written by Mr. James Branch Cabell for Harper, which he called "The Cruise of the Golden Age," and his novel, just issued in the Smart Set for June. The setting of the first story is in a period sufficiently remote from the present to invest it with the romance and the glamour which naturally gather around the golden age of England's life and history. From such an ideal portrayal to the realism of the twentieth century in American social life, the transition is as great as is the change from the dim, cool recesses of an old English garden with its moss-grown sundial and its prim solemn yew hedges, to the broad glare of sun-light falling straight and full upon the suburban home of a Wall-Street broker, whose wife is given to week-end house parties and their attendant gaiety.

"The Husbands' Comedy," is hardly a comedy pure and simple. It is a representation of a phase of society which bears above all else the stamp of modernity, in that it shows the world around them, and lack of right feeling and real sentiment lay bare its pitiful pretences. The knife of the surgeon cuts to heal. The pen of the novelist, akin to the knife, is the surest cure for an evil which it holds up to public view. Mr. Cabell has stated his situations plainly, tersely and strongly, without apology. His men and women who figure in "The Husbands' Comedy" show themselves, through what they say and do, for what they are. Being weighed with the utmost impartiality in their originator's balance, what wonder is it, if they are found wanting, even by him, when they are implied, to be in harmony with the world around them, which fosters and admires such?

The story is the story of tangled threads and mis-matched lives. The one woman making the reader's acquaintance who is undoubtedly womanly, is frankly supposed to be so because she is not very intelligent, and is sufficiently lacking in acumen to be easily deceived. The other female member of a quartette playing the comedy is merely humiliated, flouted, thrown upmost in the turbid swirl of the American social whirlpool, for the damaging of everything within her sphere of touch or influence.

The different plane of thinking and feeling, the different estimate placed upon manhood and manliness by the code of to-day in contrast with the code of yesterday is made plain in the language which the hero of the novel, Mr. Maudslowe, employs in requesting another man, Mr. Charteris to stop making love to the flimsy-embodied as his wife. He says, incidentally to the request: "Now you're about to make a scene, and we aren't here for that. We aren't going to tear any passions to tatters; we aren't going to rant; we are simply going to have a quiet, sensible talk. We aren't characters in a romance; you aren't Lancelot, you know, and I'm not up to the part of Arthur, by a great deal. I'm not angry. I'm not jealous. I don't put the matter in any high moral grounds. I simply say it won't do—no, hang it, it won't do."

The interest of the story is great. Even for those who might otherwise pass the subject by, the manner of its treatment here will engage attention, and, though with limitations, elicit sympathy. A certain fine accuracy, careful grouping, easy variety of incident, infinite play of suggestion, the film of light scorn and delicate touches of humor or pathos, mark the story as the inseparable characteristics of Mr. Cabell's style. It is predestined to a wide circulation and will, without doubt add much to its author's rapidly growing reputation.

June Weddings.

The engagement is announced of Miss May Goode Morrison, daughter of the late Frank Goode Morrison, to Mr. Frank Deane Meanley.

Miss Morrison numbers among her ancestors some of the most distinguished men in Virginia. She is a descendant of Richard Bland, of Jordan's Point, famous in Virginia Colonial and Revolutionary history and of the Randolphs and Goodes, being a granddaughter twice removed of Colonel Robert Goode, of Whitby on the James.

Mr. Meanley is division freight agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company and a son of the late Edmund R. Meanley, of New Kent, connected with the firm of Dunlop, McCance Co., appointed to a city government position by former Governor Walker and reappointed by former Governor Kemper, as



MISS MARTHA ELIZABETH MYERS.

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that he held the position up to the time of his death. Mr. Meanley is also a grandson of the late John Jones, a prominent Richmond tobacco merchant of ante-bellum days, when he acted as buyer for the French government. He afterwards served in the same capacity for the Southern Confederacy and was one of the promoters of the Richmond Grain and Cotton Exchange in 1867. The home of Mr. Meanley's mother during her girlhood was the handsome old mansion now occupied as the Retreat for the Sick.

The wedding will be celebrated June 10th, at Miss Morrison's home, No. 13 East Franklin Street.

The First Commencement.

The first commencement of the Richmond Training School for Kindergarten will take place Thursday, May 21st, in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 5 P. M.

The commencement address will be made by Mr. Talbot Williams, the brilliant editor of the Philadelphia Press, who was a noteworthy figure at the recent Conference on Education held in Richmond. Mr. W. S. Copeland will introduce the speaker, who will be the

Miss Annie B. Kirk, Miss Annie Bates, Miss Alice Moncre, Miss Fannie C. Pittman, Miss Isabel Buchanan and Miss Estelle de Saussure.

A Garden Party.

A garden party for the benefit of Brook Avenue Kindergarten and Night Schools will be given on the lawn at No. 14 West Main Street, Wednesday, May 20th, from 5 to 10 P. M. Donations of money, cake or candy are solicited from those interested in the mission, and its work and a large attendance is confidently expected.

Children are specially invited from 6 to 7, when everything possible will be done by the ladies in charge for their pleasure and amusement.

Mrs. W. E. Evans, Mrs. Clayton G. Coleman, Mrs. Trueman, Mrs. Rahm, Miss Marianne Meade, Mrs. Catesby Jones, Mrs. Clarence Cadot, Mrs. George Purker, Mrs. George Warren and Miss Julia Woodbridge will be among those to welcome guests and help them to enjoy themselves.

The Brook-Avenue Mission must appeal through its work to all classes of society.



MISS SALLIE ESTELLE WRAY.

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guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Valentine while in Richmond.

No written invitations will be issued except to the members of the Richmond Education Association and the friends of the graduates, but the public generally are cordially invited to be present. The list of graduates will include Miss Lou Belle Catesby Jones, Miss Edith Clark,

It is hoped that the garden party will result so well as to encourage those who are trying to promote its aims.

At the closing ceremony of Misses Kidwell's dancing class last Thursday evening in Belvidere Hall, about seventy-two couples participated. The leader was Mr. Roy Webster. The music was furnished by Cowardin's orchestra.

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20,000 yards Edges, Insertions, Beadings and Gallions of Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss, in all widths, a manufacturer's entire surplus stock of match sets, bought as a bargain, and to be sold at about one-third below regular prices.

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Swiss Edges, in widths from 7 to 27 inches, 16 2-3, 20, 25, 30, 35c. to \$3.00.

Ribbon Embroidery Beadings, in widths from ¼ to 2 inches, 10, 12½, 15, 18 2-3, 20 to 75c.

Embroidery Insertions, of Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss, ½ to 2 inches wide, 5 to 50c. yard.

Tailored Suits a Special

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About 12 of this season's newest Suits, of odd suits, from our regular stock. Prices \$12.00 to \$20.00; now \$10.98.

Wash Skirts.

These are made in our house, in the best and most fashionable manner. Their cut, fit and set are the very best. All cut seven-gore, full skirt and trimmed with real buttons. The materials are white duck, basket weaves, Madras, chevrons, Knickerbocker, Repps; also fast-black duck. Don't fail to see these. Special, \$2.98.

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